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Docket: A-1714

In re application of: Seth A. Foerster  
Serial No.: 09/781,793 Examiner: Kathryn P. Odland  
Filed: 2/12/2001 Group Art Unit: 3743  
Customer No.: 33197  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE  
USING A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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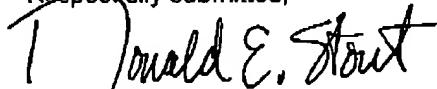
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.